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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Note verbale dated 12 May 2004 from the Presidency of the European Union addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Ireland, in its capacity as Presidency of the European Union, notes United Nations Security Council resolution 1533 (2004), adopted on 12 March 2004, in which a Committee of the Security Council was established and tasked to seek information from all States regarding the actions taken to implement the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493 (2003) on the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the actions taken to comply with paragraphs 18 and 24 of that resolution. All States were requested to report to the Committee within 60 days of the adoption of resolution 1533 (2004).

This reply is made on behalf of the European Union and should be read in conjunction with the individual replies of the States members of the European Union.

In response to Security Council resolution 1493 (2003), the European Union adopted Council Common Position 2003/680/CFSP of 29 September 2003, amending Common Position 2002/829/CFSP on the supply of certain equipment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in which the member States restated the application of an arms embargo and agreed to apply a prohibition on the supply of any assistance, advice or training related to military activities. Also in accordance with Security Council resolution 1493 (2003), the member States agreed to grant exemptions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the integrated Congolese national army and police forces. These measures were implemented by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1727/2003 of 29 September 2003 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which is directly applicable in all States members of the European Union.

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